

PATENT
Serial No. 10/511,216
Amendment in Reply to Office Action mailed on November 16, 2005

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed November 16, 2005, which has been reviewed and carefully considered.

Claims 1-83 are pending in this application, with claims 1, 31, 33 and 70 being the only independent claims.

Reconsideration of the present application and entry of the present amendment are respectfully requested.

By means of the present amendment, the current Abstract has been deleted and substituted with the enclosed New Abstract which better conforms to U.S. practice.

By means of the present amendment, claims 1-83 have been amended to correct certain informalities and better conform to U.S. practice, such as deleting reference designations typically used in European practice that are known to not limit the scope of the claims. Further amendments include changing "characterized" to --wherein--, as well as beginning the dependent claims with 'The' instead of 'A'. Claims 1-83 were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicants respectfully reserve all rights under the Doctrine of Equivalents.

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In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 31-34, 52-56 and 70-80 are allowed. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication that claims 31-34, 52-56 and 70-80 are allowed.

In the Office Action, claims 1-30, 35-51, 57-69 and 81-83 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as allegedly directed to non-statutory subject matter. Without agreeing with the Examiner, and in the interest of furthering the prosecution and expediting allowance of the present Application, claims 1-30, 35-51, 57-69 and 81-83 have been amended for better form that more clearly recite statutory subject matter. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection of claims 1-30, 35-51, 57-69 and 81-83, and allowance thereof are respectfully requested.


In addition, Applicants deny any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicants reserve the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

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It is believed that no additional fees or charges are currently due beyond the two month extension of time fee to be charged to the credit card as noted by the enclosed authorization.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure: New Abstract
Petition for two month extension of time
Authorization to charge credit card \$450 fee for two
month extension

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